

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7918

INFO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMCONSUL OPORTO

AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

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E O 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PO

SUBJ: MORE PAMPHLET CANISTERS EXPLODE; MAY DAY

REF: LISBON 1509 OF 5/3/72

1. ON APRIL 29 LARGE NUMBER OF CANISTERS WERE DETONATED IN 18 WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS THROUGHOUT PORTUGAL. ACCORDING PRESS, MOST CANISTERS EXPLODED IN INDUSTRIAL CENTERS NEAR LISBON AND OPORTO, AND WERE SET OFF BY " SUBVERSIVE AGENTS." TWO OPORTO CHILDREN REPORTEDLY INJURED-- INCLUDING EIGHT- YEAR OLD BOY WHO SUFFERED FIRST- DEGREE FACIAL BURNS. AS WAS CASE DURING LAST RASH OF CANISTER EXPLOSIONS FOUR MONTHS AGO ( LISBON 0008) NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS STRESS PERSONAL INJURY TO CHILDREN AS EVIDENCE OF CALLOUSNESS OF SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.

2. CANISTER DETONATIONS PROBABLY CONNECTED WITH PLANNED MAY DISTURBANCES. IN RECENT WEEKS PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY FLYERS HAVE APPEARED IN LISBON  
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CALLING FOR WORK STOPPAGES AND ENCOURAGING STREET  
DEMONSTRATIONS ON MAY 1; REPORTEDLY ANTI- REGIME  
GATHERING SCHEDULED IN MAIN SQUARES OF DOWNTOWN LISBON.  
AMCONSUL OPORTO REPORTS PLANS FOR SIMILAR MEETING.

3. GOP SO FAR TAKING LOW- KEY APPROACH TO MAY 1 IN  
CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR ( REFTEL) WHEN PRE- MAY DAY POLICE  
COMMUNIQUE WARNED CITIZENRY AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS AND  
REPORTED LARGE SCALE PROPAGANDA AND SABOTAGE CAMPAIGNS  
PLANNED BY SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.  
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